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Honorable Frederick L. Hill, Chairperson,

Honorable Anthony J. Hood, Chairperson, Zoning Commission

Honorable Lesyllee M. White

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Honorable Carlton Hart, National Capital Planning Commission Designee

441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S

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Subject:

BZA Case No. 19823

Sunrise Senior Living and Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church Project at 3920 Alton Place

Hearing Date: November 14, 2018

Dear Chairperson Hill and Members of the Board

I am writing in strong support of the proposed Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church/Sunrise Senior Living Project.

My spouse and I live at 3814 Albemarle St. NW, which is located only four houses east of 39th Street and about a block from the proposed site on Alton Place. We have lived here since 1986 and enjoy with many of our neighbors the friendship that long familiarity brings. I think it's an unusually close community, especially for one in an urban setting.

Although I don't want to see my neighborhood change any more than anyone else, I have come to support the project, because I feel that our neighborhood is blessed with unusually good transit that as residents we need to be willing to share with worthy development projects. I am convinced that deliveries and parking for such a project will be far less problematic than the activities surrounding the likely alternative, a large religious institution. A continuing care facility in our neighborhood might even serve some of us when we are forced by age and infirmity to leave our homes. Many people have to move far from their friends and neighbors when this happens. We, by moving to a nearby facility, might stay at least a little bit in touch with each other.

I am one of the residents who might be seen to be sitting on the fence, since I signed the original opposition petition when the neighbors behind it convinced me that the Sunrise plan exceeded numerous zoning restrictions and that those in charge at Sunrise were unwilling to yield. When I heard that there have been significant concessions, I changed my position and requested that my name be removed from the petition.

Sadly, this issue has stirred up some fairly ugly behavior at public meetings, leading me to suspect that my neighbors who control the petition might not have removed my name as requested. I am writing not only to voice my support for the Sunrise project but to make sure that you know my name should not be on the petition. I'm ashamed of the fact that my community is becoming known for its NIMBYs who enjoy proximity to Metro but oppose almost all development.

Thank you for your consideration



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